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Stage I PUD Filed on Waterfront Redevelopment

By Glenn Favreau

On Feb. 10, 2011, PN Hoffman Struever Waterfront (HSW) filed its application for Stage I approval of a two-stage Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the District Zoning Commission for the redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront.

This marks the first official filing for a PUD for the highly anticipated project. According to Shawn Seaman of PN Hoffman, it is one of the largest project filings in recent memory in the District, as the entire project will fall under one single proposal. PUDs are used when a proposed development exceeds the zoning requirements but in exchange provides offsetting benefits to the neighborhood, ward or entire city. Chapter 24 of the D.C. Zoning Code defines the PUD as a two-stage process. The vast majority of PUD petitions in D.C. consolidate the two stages into one, therefore many residents may not be familiar with the two-stage PUD process.



Water Street SW is included in PN Hoffman Struever Waterfront's redevelopment plans. Photo by Glenn Favreau

The first stage of the HSW PUD provides for the mapping of the maximum zoning envelope—in other words the limits to which they can develop the area. It is a petition concerned

with where things go, where blocks and streets will be located, and how public spaces are incorporated into the master plan. Types and uses are included at this point, but within ranges only,

allowing for flexibility for uses in the future. Seaman was clear that the Stage I application does not include the specific uses for each building, the specific height of each building, or any building materials or architectural plans. Those details will be addressed in the Stage II PUD application.

Seaman explained that Stage I approval will allow the developers to extend their search for financing and, eventually, to submit a Stage II PUD application.

Neighbors within a 200-foot radius have been notified concerning the application. The main vehicle for communicating with local residents is the Development Advisory Group. The group recently conducted meetings with residents of the Harbour Square coop and are planning a wider community forum with the cooperation of ANC 6D.

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What Is the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly?

By Kael Anderson

This is perhaps as much of a philosophical question as much as a practical one. Regardless, it's a timely one. Recognizing we're in the midst of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA) biennial election season, I've been asked to answer this very question.

In the simplest terms, The Assembly is Southwest's civic association. Yet what that means can depend on who one asks and when one is asking. The Assembly has been many things to many people throughout its almost 50-year history. A useful place to start is its mission:

"To improve the quality of life for all residents; to open to every resident the wide cultural horizon of urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for all; and to promote development of the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest. This mission shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic, and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past."

Undoubtedly these are noble objectives, but what do they mean in practice? To put it in context, the objectives reflect the mid-20th century rechristening of Southwest. The Assembly was established in 1963 to elevate

Southwest's diverse communities and cultures. In addition, the founders established Southwest's news source of record, *The Southwester*, the immensely successful Southwest Festival of the Arts, and the as-yet elusive goal of a Southwest community center.

A particularly notable aspect of The Assembly's pioneering inclusiveness was its declaration that all Southwest residents age 18 and older are (automatic) members of the Assembly. The Assembly's formal deliberative body includes the 12 seats currently up for election — President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight district representatives. Additional seats are set aside for task force chairs if these positions are not otherwise held by the elected officers. Although little known by many current residents, this unique arrangement continues today.

Generally these same objectives remain at the core of The Assembly today. The Assembly includes the following task forces:

The **history task force** orchestrates efforts to further the history of the community. The most recent accomplishment is the call box art program. Southwest now has the most artistically refurbished historic call boxes in D.C. Efforts to landmark significant Southwest buildings and features are in the planning

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SE/SW Parents and Neighbors Work to Shape Amidon-Bowen Restructuring

By Meg Brinckman and Eve Brooks

Troubled by poor test scores and the poor ranking of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, the public elementary school serving Southwest, a grassroots group of parents and neighbors has written Mayor Vincent Gray and Interim Chancellor of D.C. Public Schools Kaya Henderson calling for an enhanced commitment to and full reconstitution of the school. Copies of the letter were also sent to Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells, the four At-Large City Council members, and Council Chair Kwame Brown.

Fifteen community residents including PTA leaders of Amidon-Bowen, Brent Elementary School, and Jefferson Middle School signed the letter. A series of meetings with elected and appointed education leaders is now being planned.

The letter is the public action of the organization known as the Near SE/SW Parents and Neighbors for Education Excellence Now!, which seeks to reverse the long neglect of our community schools by drawing attention of policy leaders to their plight. The organization has put forth a three-part plan of high-quality, early childhood education (through AppleTree Early Learning); full restructuring of Amidon-Bowen; and aggressive implementation of the plans for Jefferson Academy, a middle school program at Jefferson that will lead to an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Eastern High School.

The group has developed a collaborative relationship with Amidon-Bowen Principal LeShante Knight; Patricia Pride at Jefferson; Dr. Cheryl Wilhoyte at Brent; and Jack McCarthy, Managing

Director at AppleTree Early Learning.

To follow up the letter, the group is planning a series of meetings to press for specific policy response from Interim Chancellor Henderson and Council Chair Brown. A public meeting with At-Large Councilman Sekou Biddle will be held on Tues., Mar. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (400 I St., SW). A second meeting of parents will be held with Council Chair Brown on Wed., Mar. 9. The organization is also working on scheduling a date to meet with Interim Chancellor Henderson.

Of particular concern to the organization is Amidon-Bowen, which is facing its fifth year of falling below Average Yearly Progress (AYP). The school ranks among the lowest 25% of D.C. Public Schools elementary schools. Thirty percent of students were rated proficient at their grade level in reading and 24% achieved proficiency in math on the 2010 DC Comprehensive Assessment System (DC CAS). More than 50% were performing at the "Basic and Below" level.

The organization is seriously concerned about the many students who exhibit nonproductive patterns of behavior and the progress gap between male and female students. The lack of a city-wide consistent curriculum as well as the poor interior and exterior condition of the school together diminish the quality of the education provided.

The group recognizes that the future of Amidon-Bowen rests on having all children ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. Because many of the children entering Amidon-Bowen

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ANC Monthly Meeting: *As Seen From the Pew*

By Tiffany Klaff

February's Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D meeting was surprisingly well-attended considering the day on which it fell — Valentine's Day — and there were even a few new faces in the crowd. Shortly after the call to order Lt. Nicholas Gallucci presented the Public Safety Report for the First District and noted that on Thurs., Feb. 16, our First District police headquarters would be recognized

and honored for having the largest reduction in crime in the District.

Community announcements began with an invitation from the Near SE/SW Parents and Neighbors for Education Excellence Now! group to attend a discussion on Mar. 1 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, followed by a reminder about the upcoming Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council's (CBCC) Community Summit: "Taking Charge of Our Future" on March 5 at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) public meeting will take place on

Monday, Feb. 28, at St. Augustine's Church and will highlight Black History Month. The last announcement was for the imminent National Cherry Blossom Festival and the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks event that will take place on Saturday, April 2.

Next, Chris VanArsdale, Executive Director of the Canal Park Development Association, announced the exciting news that digging will start by the end of the month on the new Canal Park at Second and M streets, SE. With approximately a 14-month building schedule, the park should be completed by March 2012, with final

landscaping done in May. Planned highlights of the park include an ice-skating rink, a restaurant, two fountains, electric car charging stations and toys for kids. The association is working with the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District (BID) on programming including movies, music, fitness activities, and family events.

Sarah Neiderer and Charles Kiely of DC Water addressed lead in the drinking water and lead service replacement. They confirmed that the lead level in the District's water is well below

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Amidon-Bowen Principal LaShante Knight speaks at February's SWNA meeting. Photo by Perry Klein.

SWNA Update

On January 24, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) monthly general meeting heard from Mrs. LaShante Knight, principal of Amidon-Bowen Elementary school with updates on programs, the children and the PTA.

The evening also honored the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a film, *The Drum Major*, a short documentary that explores King's call for "a radical revolution of values" in the last and most challenging 12 months of his life. An official selection of the Amnesty International Human Rights Art Festival in 2010, the film was produced by Michael Mack and Jim Pollock, both residents of Washington, DC.

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Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

SAT. 26 1 p.m.: Kitchen Table Book Group discussing *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SUN. 27 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.: Celebrating Church's 110th anniversary and Pastor's third anniversary. Potluck after morning services, St. Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church, 401 I St., SE

MON. 28 7 p.m.: Southwest Neighborhood Assembly public meeting celebrating Black History Month with presentation *Black Contributions to America* by Dr. Sandra Jowers, Director, History Program and Assistant Professor of History at University of DC, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

MARCH

TUES. 1 6:30 p.m.: Near SE/SW Parents and Neighbors for Education Excellence Now! public meeting with At-Large Councilman Sekou Biddle, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW

7 P.M.: Police Citizens Advisory Committee monthly meeting, First Dist. Headquarters, 201 M St., SW

WED. 2 7 p.m.: Art & Spirit Coffeehouse with Nat Nolan and Virginia Brown-Nolan, desserts & coffee. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

7 P.M.: Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee of ANC6D. Public welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center, First and N streets, SW

THURS. 3 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Councilmember Tommy Wells Office Hours, Channel Inn, 650 Water St., SW

10 A.M.: Free computer class: Introduction to Email, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SAT. 5 10 a.m.: CBCC's Near SE/SW Community Summit: Taking Charge of Our Future, Amidon-Bowen Elementary School auditorium, 401 I St. SW

1 P.M.: Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little 7th Anniversary as Pastor Celebration. Donation \$25, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW

7 P.M.: Lisa Bellamy Gospel Concert "A Worship Experience with Lisa Bellamy," tickets \$50, to benefit St. Augustine's, call (202) 554-3222 or email rector@staugustinesdc.org, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

MON. 7 6:30 p.m.: Monday Movie Nights @ Southwest. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

TUES. 8 Fat Tuesday (end of Mardi Gras)

7 P.M.: Southwest Foreign Policy Discussion Group, River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW

WED. 9 First day of Lent

6:30 P.M.: Open Mic Poetry Night. All ages. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

THURS. 10 10 a.m.: Free computer class: Microsoft Word, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SUN. 13 Daylight Savings Begins

11 A.M.: Lenten study group discussion, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

MON. 14 6:30 p.m.: Monday Movie Nights @ Southwest. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages.

Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

7 P.M.: Advisory Neighborhood Commission Meeting (ANC6D), open to public, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

WED. 16 12:00 p.m.: AARP meeting and lunch. Installation of new officers will occur at this meeting. River Park Mutual Homes Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW

THURS. 17 St. Patrick's Day

10 A.M.: Free computer class: Microsoft Excel, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

7 P.M.: Police Service Area PSA 104 Public Meeting, Riverside Condominium, B-Building Lobby, 1435 Fourth St., SW

SAT. 19 9 a.m.: Men of Christ United Methodist Church's \$5 breakfast, 900 Fourth St., SW

10 A.M.: Friends of the Southwest Duck Pond monthly clean-up, Sixth and I streets, SW

SUN. 20 First day of Spring

11 A.M.: Lenten Study Group Discussion, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

MON. 21 6:30 p.m.: Monday Movie Nights @ Southwest. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

THURS. 24 10 a.m.: Free computer class: Microsoft PowerPoint, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

12:30 P.M.: National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) meeting, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

SAT. 26 National Cherry Blossom Festival opens with Family Day at the National Building Museum (festival runs through April 10)

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.: Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) elections outside Safeway

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7 P.M.: Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) monthly public meeting. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

TUES. 29 7 p.m.: Southwest Foreign Policy Discussion Group, River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW

THURS. 31 10 a.m.: Free computer class: Introduction to Personal Computers, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

1:05 P.M.: Nationals Season Opener Game vs. Atlanta Braves, Nationals Park, Half and N streets, SE

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW, every first and third Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING FILMS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Monday, 6:30 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES for Adults, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Thursday, 10 a.m.

THE SOUTH WASHINGTON WEST OF THE RIVER FATHERHOOD PROGRAM, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Alphonso Coles at (202) 870-1885.

SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW. Contact Willie Mae Stukes, sewing teacher, at (301) 445-1792. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and updating their hand and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except for July and August.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY NA, Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW, (202) 484-7700.

AARP-SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT CHAPTER 4751, Third Wednesday of each month, except for June, July and August, River Park Mutual Homes community room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Evelyn Dorsey at Dorseydear@aol.com or (202) 488-9685.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, Jitter bug, lindy hop. Saturdays, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children ages 8 - 17. Christ United Methodist community room off Wesley Pl., SW.

CHESS CLUB, SW Library main room, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. For all levels, even beginners. **No Chess Club Feb. 9 due to library renovations.**

BLUES MONDAYS, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Various blues musicians and singers featured each Monday, \$5. Food for sale.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, 4 p.m. Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). 5:30 p.m. Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). 7 p.m. Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). Free with donations welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW.

JAZZ NIGHT in SW, Fridays, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Various jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday, \$5. Food for sale.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, ages 2-5, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW, every Tuesday and Thursday

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. First and third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade, and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions, and programs. Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block I St., SW (202) 291-6229.

SOUTHWEST FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 p.m. 2011 topics are: Rebuild Haiti, U.S. National Security, Horn of Africa, Responding to Financial Crisis, Germany Ascendant, Sanctions and Non-Proliferation, the Caucasus, and Global Governance. Tuesdays in 2011: Mar. 8, Mar. 29, Apr. 19, May 10, May 31 and Jun. 21. Meetings will take place at River Park Mutual Homes, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. For information, to order the 8-topic study guide (\$20) and to reserve a space for 2011, contact Coralie Farlee at (202) 544-4407 or cfdc13@yahoo.com.

Please submit calendar items for April events by e-mail to thesouthwester@yahoo.com by March 14, 2011.

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SWNA

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stages.

The **youth activities task force** organizes a wide variety of programs to support and positively engage our community's youth. Initiatives include financial support for recreational and school sports teams, computer training, photography classes, babysitting classes, and field trips.

The **scholarship** task force provides grants enabling local youths to attend college. This unique initiative stands as a testament to the commitment of Southwest residents to reach across social, racial and economic divides in one of the most diverse communities in the city.

The **technology task force** maintains the Southwest community's website and collects, refurbishes, and distributes computer hardware

and software to needy families.

The **employment task force** works to identify, solicit, communicate, and coordinate vocational training and job opportunities for local residents.

In addition *The Southwester* speaks as the official voice of the community with a distribution of nearly 13,000 copies monthly. Supported by advertising, the award-winning paper has an all-volunteer staff and includes articles featuring a range of topics on community life.

Beyond these core entities, current and former board members carry out The Assembly's functions on a more independent basis, planning the new Southwest ArtsFest, the development of a new Southwest playground, and reforms for our community's schools.

The Assembly board members are also leading representatives for the community on inter-organizational steering committees, including the Washington Nationals, Maine Avenue/M Street

traffic planning and operations, the Southwest Waterfront Redevelopment, and the Community Benefits Coordinating Council.

That's what we've been doing, but perhaps, the more germane question is what you — the people of our community — want us to do, particularly those of you who choose to get actively involved in your civic association.

One of the initiatives under consideration is to what extent the Assembly should reach across South Capitol Street. Many people have noted that the Capital Riverfront area lacks a civic organization compared with Southwest. Many folks recognize that the two communities have common interests including concerns about neighborhood youth, congested transportation arterials (M and South Capitol streets), complementary waterfront interests, and a burgeoning sports and entertainment district. However, the Capital Riverfront and Waterfront are different

communities, whether one looks at residential demographics, the business community, or the physical environment.

I have talked a lot about the The Assembly's activities and accomplishments in an effort to answer the question "What is the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly?" But as a closing comment, it is important to note that there may not be much value in getting too caught up in which of the various Southwest organizations or individual members gets credit for when it comes to achievement. The process can be equally valuable. Whether or not something is under the umbrella of the The Assembly, I encourage everyone to become involved in the civic process in some way or another. Getting to know each other and work together with one's fellow neighbors and colleagues can eliminate the need to erect a barrier that can negatively affect the community and can instead build a better community.

Feb. 28 is the deadline for SWNA Nominations

SWNA seeks nominations for its elected Board of Directors. Those interested in nominating themselves or others should contact Peter Atlee, Chair of the Nominations Committee, at peter.atlee@gmail.com or 484-868-3038. All nominations must be made by Mon., Feb. 28, 2011. The Nominations Committee will also entertain nominations from the floor during the SWNA open meeting on Mon. Feb. 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's, 600 M Street, SW.

Offices open for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, eight district representatives are to be elected to the Board of Directors: two each from the four neighborhoods in SW.

All residents of Southwest (zip code 20024) age 18 and older are eligible to vote. Elections will take place on Sat. Mar. 26 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). (Please note the change in election date.) There is no advance registration or early voting and absentee ballots are not permitted.

Candidates for Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Election as of 2/13/2011

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Blotter

By John McGrath

Highlights of the PSA 104 Monthly Meeting, Thursday, January 20, 2011

Lt. Gallucci reviewed recent crime statistics and noted several recent assaults and robbery cases have been closed and property crimes (burglary, etc.) are lower. The First Police District will be awarded for the greatest crime reduction in DC for the second consecutive year. Crime in PSA 104 is also generally lower having peaked in summer 2010. Also, it was noted that the perpetrator of the shooting in the O Street circle was subsequently the victim in another shooting.

In response to audience questions, it was noted that PSA 104 must deploy its limited shift resources to the latest hot spots and can no longer assign a police cruiser to a fixed location (e.g., Fourth Street between N and O streets SW) as was the case in prior years. In addition PSA 104 officers are in contact with Waterfront Mall and Safeway security as problems occur, but all altercations inside

Metro stations are the sole responsibility of Metro Police. In response to a neighbor's question police noted PSA 104 monitors traffic at the intersection of Fourth and M streets, SW and additional signage has been added to restrict "right turn on red" for east bound traffic turning right on Fourth Street, SW. Police did ask that all citizens call 911 in instances of crime in progress or after the fact. Citizens should call 311 to report traffic problems including signage problems, timing of traffic lights, etc., as traffic enforcement is not the responsibility of the Police Department.

River Park security committee representatives offered thanks to Lt. Gallucci and officers of PSA 104 for their continuing efforts to reduce and combat crime over several years. The work of the Youth Response Team was also mentioned. Next Meeting: March 17, 2011 (7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) at Riverside Condo.

Residents Urged to Register for March 5 Community Summit

More than 200 of the most proactive residents of the Near SE and SW community (ANC6D boundaries) will be participating in the upcoming Community Summit "Taking Charge of Our Future," on Sat., Mar. 5, 2011, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Amidon-Bowen Elementary auditorium, Fourth and I streets SW. Registration is still open online at www.americaspeaks.org/se-swcommunity.

The summit will help residents establish priorities for community action and shape private and public investments in order to continue improving the quality of life for the diverse and growing population in the Near SE and SW area.

Organized by the Near SE-SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC), the Summit is being facilitated by America Speaks, a nationally recognized company that uses individual keypads to allow every voice to be equally heard in what is known as a "21st-century town hall meeting."

The bulk of the time will be spent in small-group discussions focused on the issues that have mattered most to residents: workforce develop-

ment and community centers, preservation of affordable housing and increasing the variety of housing options, neighborhood-oriented retail and community spaces, youth education and services and the environment and green issues.

In May 2007, the CBCC facilitated two Community Roundtables at the request of ANC commissioners who were looking for citizen input as they collaborated and negotiated with developers and city agencies during the redevelopment of the Near SE and SW area.

As development continues, it is important that the voice of our residents be heard, especially with regard to neighborhoods needs and what public and private resources can be invested to achieve our common goals.

If you would like to help take charge of our future, please register now. Childcare can be reserved for those 11 years of age and younger. Bag lunches will also be provided. If you do not have access to a computer or will require transportation to the event, contact Ruth Hamilton, CBCC chair, at 202-641-8221 or email nearsewcommunitybenefits@gmail.com.

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Good Fats and Bad Fats — What's the Difference?

By Derrick Ingult

It's now two months into the New Year and many of you have joined gyms, hired trainers or gone on a diet of some sort. Hopefully it's working out and if it's weight loss you're after, by now you should now know that it's nearly impossible to work off a bad diet. It must be done correctly with a reduction of calories of some sort, usually involving a reduced fat and/or carbohydrate intake.

What I've noticed throughout the years is a strong misconception among the American public regarding the role of healthy (unsaturated) and unhealthy (saturated/trans) fats and their overall involvement in weight loss. Most people fail to see "good" fats as something that can actually work against their weight loss goals. In fact many Americans add these "good" fats to an already greasy diet only to find themselves heavier than they started. To be successful in losing weight, it is important to understand the concepts behind what makes a fat bad or good, not just take someone else's word for it.

Generally speaking, unsaturated fats (good fats) are a liquid at room temperature while (saturated / trans fats) are a solid at room temperature. This means that "bad" fats are more likely to clog your arteries and increase your chances of heart disease. Trans fats, which are man made saturated fats, are a solid at the highest tempera-

tures making them the worst kinds of fats. Your intake of these fats should be extremely limited.

The fact I'm trying to get at here is that ALL fat – good or bad, has 9 calories per gram. Therefore, good fats will increase your waistline just as fast as bad fats but they will be less likely to cause a heart attack or heart disease. Sure unsaturated fats can do wonders for your cardiovascular system, but they can also hinder weight loss when consumed obliviously. Be careful and use moderation. If you're trying to lose weight, know that whether you cook your chicken with olive oil or vegetable oil, both oils contain 120 calories per tablespoon and those calories should be accounted for. If you prefer to put Avocado on your salad, be aware that an average Avocado contains around 300 calories per fruit and will require a 150-pound person to perform around 40 minutes of low impact aerobics to burn off. If you are taking Omega 3s or 6s in supplement form, remember these healthy fats have calories too.

Overlooking little areas like this can add up and ultimately it will hamper your success. While I think a diet moderate in unsaturated fats can be of extreme importance to your overall health, I do want to emphasize that you should be aware that too much of any good thing can work against you.

Happenings at Fourth and M

Station 4 Restaurant Prepares to Open

The Southwest Waterfront is undergoing significant changes and it has not been since Jenny's moved from the Waterside Mall several years ago that Southwest has had a restaurant on Fourth Street. Joining Safeway and the reopened Arena Stage, Southwest will soon welcome Station 4 as the first restaurant with alcohol service at the corner of Fourth and M streets.

Station 4 will be located across the street from the Waterfront Metro stop and will be connected to the 1101 Fourth St., SW building. Station 4 is being built under the watchful eyes of Managing Member, Mr. Med Lahlou, and Member, Ms. Maryana Masciandaro. Because Station 4 is part of the 1101 Fourth St., SW building, it will meet and maintain LEED certification.

While the property is under construction, they have applied for a class CR license, which designates Station 4 as a restaurant, including authorization to sell and serve beer, wine, and spirits and includes an entertainment endorsement. The 139-seat indoor space will include a small lounge area, a 25-seat bar, and an entertainment area which will offer a DJ or small band. There will also be a 70-seat outdoor "side-walk café." The authorization will also allow the restaurant to hold special events as well as extended hours on nights designated by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) for extended hours like government holidays and New Years Eve. Station 4 can then have the option of staying open until 3 a.m. on most holidays, and 4 a.m. New Years Eve.

All this is possible and supported through the Voluntary Agreement (VA) and Community Cooperation Agreement (CCA) Station 4 agreed to sign with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Committee and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D. At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2011, the ANC6D approved the recommendation of the ABC Committee with a vote of 5 in favor, with one commissioner not voting.

Med, or Moe by those who know him well, is the owner of four other successful restaurants/bars; Tunnick's Tavern, Bullfeathers, Stoney's Lounge, and Ulah Bistro. Moe's bars raised over \$7,000.00 for Bartending 4 Change, a nonprofit founded to raise money for local charities, from 2009 through 2010. Moe is also seeking to be an active community supporter in the local ANC. Of particular interest is

the community effort to install a KaBoom! playground at the Town Center East Park, or Library Park.

Information provided by Coralie Farlee and Zen McManus, ABC Committee of ANC6D. For more information on the DC/ABC liquor license process, the ABC Committee, Voluntary Agreements, Community Cooperation Agreements and the ANC6D process, please contact Coralie Farlee, Ph.D., Chair, ABC Committee, ANC6D at 202-554-4407, or cfarlee@mindspring.com.

New Receipt-Checking System in Place at Safeway

The Safeway grocery store at Fourth and M streets, SW installed a new process Monday, Feb. 14 in which shoppers will now need to show door checkers a receipt for their purchases prior to leaving the store. The system is similar to one used at large box stores such as Costco and Walmart, said Craig Muckle, Safeway's Manager of Public Affairs and Government Relations. There will no longer be uniformed security guards at the entrances, but these "plain clothes" receipt checkers will be located at all doors, Muckle said. The checkers will also be greeting patrons as they enter the store. Muckle said that those who refuse to show their receipts will not be stopped and will be allowed to leave with their purchases.

Some residents have voiced concern about the new procedures. The new security system is still in a testing phase and customers with concerns should contact Store Manager Mike Bigelow at 202-554-9155, or Muckle at Craig.Muckle@safeway.com or 301-918-6803.

Safeway Employees Serve Meal at Friendship Baptist

Michael Bigelow, Safeway Manager, along with members of his SW Safeway store, served food to the Friendship Baptist Church's "Feed the Hungry and the Homeless" program. The program, under the direction of J. Michael Little, Pastor, and Melvin Ivey, Associate Minister, feed any and all every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a hot sit down meal, except August. They feed approximately 150 people every Wednesday and offer "free civil legal assistance" under Jeremiah's Circle of Friends, in partnership with the nationally renowned law firm, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP.

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The District Zoning Commission will schedule a hearing 30 to 60 days after the submission date to review the application. Somewhere between 60 and 90 days after that hearing, the commission will set up a public hearing at which testimony in support for or against the

project will be heard from the public. By summer of 2011, the Stage I process will be well on its way to completion, and the commission, if it approves the proposal, will publish a final order that will allow HSW to apply for the more detailed Stage II PUD. No permits of any kind can be issued until the successful completion of the Stage II PUD.



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Restructuring

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are working below grade level, Excellence Now! is calling for high quality Early Learning for all 3- to 4-year-old children. The organization cites strong evaluations in calling for the expansion of the well-respected Apple Tree Institute to serve all Pre-Kindergarten-age children of Near SE and SW. Excellence Now! has encouraged Apple Tree to purchase the building once owned by South-eastern University.

Restructure of Amidon-Bowen under No Child Left Behind for the 2011-2012 school year could take a number of forms including partnership with a recognized educational-management organization such as a university or charter school. However, the most frequently used strategy in D.C. Public Schools is to assign a school turnaround team to work with parents and community groups, providing them with authority to make broad changes to staff, curriculum, and school climate. Turnaround schools are also provided supplemental budget to support enhanced teacher training and support.

Plans to address the physical needs of Amidon-Bowen's building have begun. An interior

renovation is in the plans for the summer of 2012 in order to modernize classrooms and offices. The work necessary to address the exterior needs is tentatively scheduled for 2016.

Community support for the addition of the Middle Years International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Jefferson Middle School has been building over many months. Parent and community groups from all its feeder schools — Brent, Thompson, and Amidon-Bowen — have been meeting with D.C. Public Schools personnel. The program will be phased in over a period of three years starting with incoming 6th graders into "The 6th Grade Academy" this fall. The organization believes this effort can serve as a model for Amidon-Bowen restructuring because it has gathered the support of parents and the community by giving them a voice in the many decisions, both large and small, as the program takes shape.

For a copy of the letter, a list of the supporting organizations, and the position paper drafted by Excellence Now! please contact Eve Brooks, who has acted as Convener for the group. She can be reached at evebrooks@verizon.net or 202-554-4747 (H), 202-460-5130 (C). We invite you to become involved. Statistics provided by the Amidon-Bowen website.

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Southwest Student Kirstin Jones Excels

By Thelma D. Jones

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) salutes SW Resident Kirstin L. Jones for her civic and academic achievements. Jones was recently reappointed for a second term as one of the two student representatives to the D.C. State Board of Education, a position which has afforded her further insight into the importance of quality education. In addition, she was recently elected as Benjamin Banneker Academic High School senior class president where she will further hone her leadership, communications and organizational skills. Jones, a member of Ambassador Troop 560, came to YATF's attention last fall while she was completing her Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts for community service. She organized and hosted a Math Fair entitled "Connecting the Dots" at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in Southwest D.C. Jones managed to do this while cheerfully hobbling around on two crutches as a result of a serious foot injury.

"Connecting the Dots" was designed to demonstrate creative and fun ways to learn math at an early age which, over a period of time, will help youth to develop a strong math background. The Fair's participants were in Grades 3-7, as Jones believed that these are

the grades when students should work harder in preparation for Algebra in the eighth grade. With approximately 40 participants, the Fair included various activities centered on math stations, including circle games that involved strategic thinking and manual dexterity. Jones's Math Fair goal was to help further stimulate and develop students' interest in math so that they would be better prepared for the subject prior to their entering the ninth grade. Children engaged in the various activities were clearly having fun.

The YATF was impressed with the outcome of Jones' Math Fair and has expressed an interest in partnering with her to sponsor another fair this spring. YATF was also pleased to submit a letter of recommendation to the Girl Scouts of America in support of Jones' efforts to achieve her Gold Award in community service. Jones is scheduled to attend a four-day Girl Scouts leadership program in Orlando, Florida. She has also applied to some colleges and has been admitted to several, some with special awards included. It is not surprising that she would like to major in math or chemistry and wants to become a dentist. Her ultimate goal is to be the dean of a dental school. Jones is equipped with the confidence, courage and character to capture success both academically and professionally.

Fatherhood Program Takes Tubing Trip

By Alphonso C. Coles

On Sat., Jan. 8, the South Washington/West of the River Family (SWWR) Strengthening Collaborative's Fatherhood Program sponsored a trip to Wisp Resort in McHenry, Maryland. The mission of SWWR is to develop and coordinate resources and services in our community to build the capacity of our residents. In a community and family-building excursion, participants in SWWR's Fatherhood Program went snow tubing and rode on the area's only mountain coaster (a one person sled that rolls on a track that winds down the mountain through the trees).

Participants left around 8:30 a.m. with twelve people in the van. FEED Coordinator Alphonso Coles drove. Three FEED dads (Dave Wood, Ray Crutchfield, Curtis Lindsay), and mom Surya Shofar helped keep an eye on the eight kids. The group ran into snow soon after leaving Washington, and it snowed steadily at the resort, making for a beautiful experience despite the frigid twenty degree temperature. Participants spent two hours on the snow tubing hill before trying the mountain coaster which was the highlight of the trip.



Ray Crutchfield and Curtis Lindsay wait to get strapped into the snow coaster.

For two of the kids, the excitement of the coaster was trumped by the gift of two furry puppies (Rottweiler/black Labrador mix) from a lady at the ski lodge.

The group left at 4 p.m. while it was still snowing. The puppies kept everyone awake through one stop and a 7:30 p.m. arrival back in D.C. The total trip distance was 537 miles. A memorable time was had by all.

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Transformation on the Waterfront: Hogate's Demolition Brings Plans for Interim Uses



The Southwest Waterfront prepares for new arrivals after Hogate's was demolished in January (left). The photo on the right shows a view of the Waterfront prior to Hogate's demolition.

By Glenn Favreau

With recent demolition of the former H20/Hogate's completed, lots 825-828 at 800 Water St., SW join the 7th Street Landing and the former Zanzibar building as sites available for temporary use of the Waterfront while we await the start of permanent construction.

Although construction is still many months away, developers are teaming up with the city and local organizations in an effort to provide

entertainment and enjoyment of the SW Waterfront in the meantime.

At 800 Water St., debris from the last above-ground structure has been carted away and a temporary fence has been erected. For the first time in decades a huge site parallel to the Washington Channel now lies vacant—but don't expect that to last for long.

The District of Columbia has already issued a Request for Project to convert the site into a temporary recreation and entertainment area.

The plan calls for temporary bleachers, playing courts, tents and a stage. One proposal, which sources say is close to agreement, is for the Washington Kastles tennis team to use the site as its stadium. The Kastles are part of the World Team Tennis League (WTT) Pro League. The League was cofounded by Billie Jean King and is entering its 36th year of play in 2011. The team hosts about eight games a year, most recently at a temporary site on the footprint of the former Convention Center. Planned development there

is forcing the Kastles to look for a new venue. The city believes that the SW Waterfront could serve as an excellent place for their matches to take place. The WTT prides itself on being a fun and exciting sports experience, encouraging cheering as players square off on multicolored courts.

Another planned use for the site is a performance stage that will be used expand the April 2nd SW Fireworks event that is part of the upcoming National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Development News

By William Rich

■ **Whole Foods Market is in negotiations with William C. Smith to build a 39,000-square-foot grocery store** as a part of a 375-unit apartment building proposed for 800 New Jersey Ave., SE. The developer is requesting an \$8-million tax break over the next 10 years in order to build the store, including an extra parking level, elevators and a taller first floor space.

■ **This summer, the D.C. Office of Planning will be working on a study of the Maryland Avenue, SW corridor from 12th Street, SW to Sixth Street, SW.** The study is part of the Southwest Ecodistrict initiative by the National Capital Planning Commission, which is looking to create a mixed-use, sustainable district around L'Enfant Plaza and improve connections between the National Mall and the Southwest Waterfront.

■ **Back in mid-January, renovations began at the Marriott Residence Inn at 333 E St., SW,** which first opened in 2005. The hallways, lounge, fitness center, patio area, and all 233 suites are being renovated and are scheduled to be completed by mid-March.

■ **Construction of the first phase of Akridge's Half Street project to get underway**

Fall 2011. A 300-unit residential building and ground-floor retail scheduled at the site of the Bullpen (Half and N streets, SE). In the meantime, a beer garden will open this spring on the northern portion of the project's footprint, across the street from the SE Navy Yard Metro entrance at Half and M streets, SE. This site will cease operations at the end of the 2011 baseball season, but the new beer garden will remain open while construction occurs on the southern portion of the site, closer to Nationals Park.

■ **Installation of the glass façade is starting on the E Street, SW side of the Consolidated Forensic Laboratory (CFL),** rising just north of the Southwest freeway at the corner of Fourth and School streets, SW. Construction of the CFL, future home of the DC public health lab, the chief medical examiner and the police department's crime lab, is scheduled to be com-

plete by the summer of 2012.

■ **Redevelopment of 200 I Street, SE (the former Washington Star building) began with a groundbreaking ceremony in mid-February.** Renovations are expected to be complete by the second quarter of 2012, when the building will become home to the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Child and Family Services Agency.

■ **Buzzard Point one of the sites under consideration for a new stadium for DC United.** 100 V Street, SW was planned as a secure federal campus by developer Akridge, but now that site may instead become a soccer stadium. Also in the running is a site at the Capital City Market in Northeast, and in recent months, Bal-

timore has expressed interest in having the team move to that city.

■ **Framing continues at the second phase of EYA's Capitol Quarter townhouse development.** Move-ins scheduled to begin for the block bounded by Third Street, SE, Fourth Street, SE, I Street, SE, and K Street, SE in May and June 2011.

■ **The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced that it will be consolidating its three office locations in NW to move to Constitution Center, the 1.4 million-square-foot office complex at 400 Seventh St., SW.** Other tenants that have recently signed leases include the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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Arts and Entertainment

Arabian Nights Production Delights Arena Stage Patrons

By Sheila Wickowski

Southwesters know that we live in a great location to access art and culture. Not only are we within several blocks of The National Mall, but at the heart of our neighborhood is Arena Stage with its new mall of multiple theaters.

The Smithsonian Institution and National Gallery of Art on The Mall are world class venues, but Arena Stage is also drawing worldwide attention this season. One of Arena's winter offerings was playwright/director Mary Zimmerman's production of "The Arabian Nights" presented for the first time in the round. This was quintessential theater: a fascinating evening of spell binding tales about legendary evenings of storytelling.

While many of the thousand and one tales are part of children's lore, the plot of "The Arabian Nights" is more like an episode of "Law and Order." David DeSantos played King Shahryar, the royal serial killer, and Stacy Yen was Scheherezade, the King's latest candidate for queen for the night. Mr. DeSantos and Ms. Yen head up a versatile, dozen-strong cast of actors who switched roles while singing and

dancing as easily as Scheherezade switches story lines. Scheherezade's survival plan requires crucial timing. In order to save her life, she must stop her bedtime stories at the most suspenseful moment – just as day breaks. The performer's timing was perfectly matched to the text with its dazzling series of intertwined stories ranging far to tragedy.

Is this not the essence of storytelling? Enchantment, suspense, humor, heart-break – and also wisdom and learning as exemplified by Susan Jamshidi as Sympathy the Learned – were abundant in this production. That King Shahryar would change his negative thinking and that he would fall in love with Scheherezade further emphasizes the effects of stories in human life. But the bottom line is that an age-old human need exists to sit around and listen to stories – a need that is probably as old as cavemen and as new as the latest cable television series. This is art best experienced live and Arena Stage is definitely proving it's the best theater around.

Arena's multiple stages offer infinite variety. This spring from February 25 to April 24, Arena will host an Edward Albee Festival in which nearly every one of his

plays will have performance space in the Mead Center. Steppenwolf Theatre Company's highly acclaimed "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" will be performed in the Kreeger Theater from February 25 – April 10. Simultaneously, Arena Stage performs "At Home at the Zoo" directed by Mary B. Robinson in the Robert Kogod Cradle from February 25 to April 24.

Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater will honor legendary playwright Edward Albee with the American Artist Award at the Arena Stage Benefit for Community Engagement on March 14. "An Evening with Edward Albee" will include cocktails, a presentation and dinner at the Mead Center. Beginning in March through the end of April, many local area theater troupes will present staged readings of thirty of Albee's plays. This is an opportunity not only to savor the wide range of the award-winning American playwright's works, but also to enjoy the high quality of this area's regional companies. The readings are free and will be followed by a discussion with the actors, but reservations must be made with the Arena Stage Sales Office at 202-488-3300 or at www.arenastage.org.



Maureen Sebastian, Stacey Yen, Nicole Shalhoub and Susaan Jamshidi in the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater production of *The Arabian Nights*, written and directed by Mary Zimmerman. January 14- February 20, 2011. Photo by Stan Barouh.

Westminster Keeps Straight-Ahead Jazz and Down-Home Blues Alive and Kicking

By Elaine Graves

Talking to Rev. Brian Hamilton, co-pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Jazz Night Director Dick Smith, it's easy to see their joyful facial expressions and to hear their eagerness to preserve and honor the pure traditional form of jazz as originating from the Delta Blues and played by such jazz greats as Louie Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Shirley Horn. That's why they collaborate on Jazz Night each Friday at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW, from 6 to 9 p.m. Jazz Night was developed through the Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation, the church's non-profit partner.

Hamilton explains that in the early days of segregation, on Friday and Saturday evenings, African-American musicians often would gather in someone's home to jam together and eat fried fish. This celebration of community, jazz and eating together is what Hamilton and Smith are duplicating in Southwest's Jazz Night, but with a difference — the musicians are paid to perform and the audiences are no longer segregated.

Both Hamilton and Smith recognize jazz as a "powerful urban art form, a unique American art form imbued with dignity" and they want to expand it and pass it on to a younger generation.

Hamilton was involved in developing jazz programs when he served as a Presbyterian minister in Detroit and Philadelphia. "My entre to jazz was gradual," he explained. "I'm like a lot of people who get interested in jazz in mid-life after pop and rock and lots of other things get boring. Jazz and blues are penetrating musical forms, pretty much all I want to listen to anymore."

Smith grew up in Ohio, singing Gospel and listening to big band music and jazz. He also played football with the Dallas Cowboys and



Rev. Brian Hamilton and Jazz Night Director Dick Smith pose before a photo of a jazz club in early Southwest. Photo by Elaine Graves.

the Washington Redskins. Later, Smith taught math at the former Lorton prison for 26 years, but most evenings he indulged his love of music and attended jazz clubs throughout the region. Sometimes, he even sang. Over the years, Smith got to know all of the jazz musicians and singers in the metropolitan area.

Meanwhile, Hamilton, knowing that jazz clubs were once popular in old Southwest before the alley dwellings and neighborhoods were razed in the late 1950s, decided that Westminster Presbyterian Church should host a few jazz programs. Hamilton was referred to Smith and Earl Banks who had both spent years connecting jazz musicians and singers to local gigs Banks eventually retired, but Smith has stayed on to collaborate closely with Hamilton.

Over a decade ago, on Friday, January 22, 1999, Westminster opened its doors with a live

jazz program, good food for sale and a low-cost (\$5.00) charge at the door to bring the community together for this pure form of musical entertainment.

Hamilton said, "By the third week, we had 102 people in the audience. We thought it would only go for six or eight weeks."

Smith added, "We didn't count on the popularity of the program. We have a core of people in our audiences with us all the time, a community that celebrates each other's birthdays, deaths and gets cards signed if anyone's sick."

Smith's mission and passion is to bring the best jazz musicians and singers to perform each Friday. Hamilton is committed to expanding jazz, a unique American music. A couple of years ago, the two helped bring about Blue Monday Blues in which the region's talented blues musicians and singers perform Monday evenings at

the church.

Not satisfied with just providing a venue for live jazz and connecting with large, appreciative audiences, the two organizers, along with the musicians and other jazz fans, continue to expand the cultural arts project that is Southwest's Jazz Night. Friday night jazz fans want D.C. to be known for its live jazz and they're working on rebranding D.C. as the Jazz Capital of the World. As Dick Smith said, "More than just politics is going on in Washington, D.C.!"

In addition to Jazz Night, Westminster also supports a variety of jazz programs and activities. *Thinking About Jazz* is an educational component designed to expand appreciation and knowledge of jazz with a Saturday afternoon, two-hour program, every other month that highlights the life of a jazz performer through discussion and film. This free event includes refreshments and door prizes. The *Community Connections* project is an outreach activity providing live jazz to senior centers, hospitals and other community settings for those who love jazz and can't make it to the church's programs. The *Heritage & Archive Collection* is an effort to preserve, gather and archive jazz artifacts, especially oral histories of musicians, singers and jazz lovers. The *Intergenerational Networking* program is focused on passing pure jazz forms to younger people through youth music learning activities. And now in its 10th year, the *D.C. Jazz Preservation Festival*, held outdoors on the lawn and nearby land behind Westminster is an all-day event with numerous performers, vendors and food for sale.

Stop by Westminster for Blue Monday Blues or Friday's Jazz Night and you'll feel the creative spirit of down-home blues and straight-ahead jazz, alive and well in Southwest Washington.

Arts and Entertainment

Annual Tiber Island Art Show a Success



Above left, Paul St. Hilaire sits with his "Self Portrait #3" watercolor. Above right, Kidron Lewis sits with her colored pencil drawing of a Starbucks coffee cup called "Venti, Vidi, Vici". She says it is a take on the infamous "Veni, vidi, vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered) spoken by Julius Caesar. This drawing evokes the feeling that one is ready to "conquer" the day after they have their morning "fix"



Artists gathered for a photo at the Tiber Island Art Show. Front row: Dr. Beryl Rice, Kay Layne, Ruth Cuestas. Middle row: Patrick Vick, Sabina Finner, Kidron Lewis, Thomas Walsh. Back row: Paul St. Hilaire, Rick Braswell. Not in photo: Tom Edes. Photos by Perry Klein

Comedy, Music and Song at St. Augustine's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse

The husband-wife duo of the Rev. Virginia Brown-Nolan and Nat Nolan will present "Another Side to Serious," a comedy, music and song program, on Wednesday, March 2 at St. Augustine's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse. The free event begins at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

According to the Silver Spring, Md., couple, they occasionally "team up to teach, perform and just have fun while showing others that being 'committed' Christians doesn't have to be a drag."

Nat Nolan, born and raised in Summerville, S.C., was the youngest trumpeter to play first chair in South Carolina's all-state band. He has played music professionally for more than 40 years (trumpet, congas and African drums, percussion and keyboards). Currently, he is the Minister of Music for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Washington D.C. and Music Director for one of The Platters groups performing mostly in Japan. He also plays in Europe with a Temptations Review featuring Damon Harris, in the mid-Atlantic area with The Winstons, and in various jazz and top '40s groups locally. He has arranged music for Peaches and Herb, Damon Harris, The Supremes, the Floaters, the Contours, New Birth and the Dramatics as well as for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., and for marching bands while he studied at Virginia State University and Virginia Commonwealth University. Nat Nolan teaches piano, trumpet and percussion to adults and children and has been called a

"master teacher" by the parents of some of his students.

The Rev. Virginia Brown-Nolan (aka Ginger) was raised in Washington, D.C., where she attended Morgan Elementary, Beauvoir and the National Cathedral School for girls. She attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church where her father was the fifth Rector and where she subsequently served as the eighth Rector. Currently she is helping the Priest-in-Charge at Southeast D.C.'s Church of the Holy Communion, where the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is located, and filling in for other Episcopal ministers when needed. She danced professionally and taught ballet, modern and jazz for thirty years in Chicago, Hawaii and Berkeley, Calif. while obtaining a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois, heading a small private school and completing a Master of Divinity degree. While studying preaching with the Dominicans and attending seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., she discovered an interest in and knack for proclamation from an unusual perspective. Always enjoying singing, she has discovered that she's also funny.

The Southwest Episcopal Church's Art & Spirit Coffeehouse series opens on the first Wednesday of each month to showcase local artists in their various media as they perform and share how their faith, art and social worldview intersect. Donations will be accepted to help provide honoraria for the guest artists. Contact rector@staugustinesdc.org, 202-554-3222 or visit www.staugustinesdc.org for further information.

Singer Lisa Bellamy to Perform March 5 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Southwest D.C.

Singer Lisa Bellamy will perform "A Worship Experience with Lisa Bellamy" on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. in St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, SW. Her concert will include songs from her "Lighthouse" album as well as songs from her upcoming "Spirit Free" album.



jazz, R&B, gospel and neo-soul.

A graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, Va., Bellamy infuses classical, gospel and jazz into her music, producing a diverse sound and culture for any listener. "Lisa's voice is one of angelic resonance that needs to be heard around the world," reveals

The concert will raise funds for the church's "Bread for Life" breakfast program and other community outreach programs, according to the Rev. Martha Clark, priest-in-charge of St. Augustine's.

"Music is the conduit through which lives are transformed, souls are changed and positive energy is created. I want to make a difference in this life through my music, and offer melodies, lyrics and compositions that touch people," explained Bellamy. Beyond the music, she uses her life to reach out to youth, especially young women who are trying to find their way in life, by providing seminars to young men and women inside correctional facilities.

The Arlington, Va. native began her formal training at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., where she became immersed in a classical foundation technique that supports her love for the soulful roots of

gospel legend and four-time Grammy winner Edwin Hawkins, who, along with Ms. Liz McComb, Bellamy has performed with in Europe. "Few vocalists are anointed – not just blessed – to sing. Lisa Bellamy is one of the few. We thank God that she and her music are in our lives," said Cathy Hughes, founder and chairperson of Radio One, Inc., and Jeff Majors, renowned harpist and composer. Bellamy has performed with Majors in concerts as a "sacred voice" and is featured as a sacred voice in his 2002 release "Sacred 4 You." Bellamy also sings on Cabo Frio's jazz project, "The Late Return."

Tickets are \$35.00 and include light refreshments. "Antoinette's Fine Fashion, Sterling and Costume jewelry" will also be available for sale. For further information and to order tickets, contact Kwasi Holman, kwasi321@gmail.com, or contact the church at 202-554-3222, or rector@staugustinesdc.org.

2011 National Cherry Blossom Festival

March 26

National Cherry Blossom Festival Family Day presented with the National Building Museum

Time: 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: National Building Museum – 401 F St., NW

March 27

Blossom Kite Festival presented by the National Cherry Blossom Festival

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Washington Monument grounds – Constitution Avenue & 17th Street, NW

April 2

Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival

Time: 1 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Southwest Waterfront – 600-800 Water St., SW

This year's Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival will be co-produced by the Washington Waterfront Association and PN Hoffmann-Madison Marquette, developers of the Southwest Waterfront renewal. The always popular and crowded event will include seven stages of performers, activities for children, and food and beverage provided by neighborhood vendors. The evening will conclude with the exciting National Cherry Blossom Festival Fireworks Show at 8:30 p.m.

April 2 – 3

Blossoms & Baseball

Time: 1:05 p.m. April 2, 1:35 p.m. April 3

Location: Nationals Park – 1500 South Capitol St., SE

Tickets: For discounted tickets to the April 2 and 3 Nationals baseball games visit www.nationals.com/cherryblossom

April 9

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location: Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th streets, NW

March 22 – April 10

Community Cherry Blossom Art Show at Union Station

Time: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Location: Union Station – 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE – West Hall

For a full schedule of 2011 National Cherry Blossom Festival events visit www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

Sports and Recreation

International Baccalaureate Program Comes to Jefferson Middle School

By Meg Brinckman

Jefferson Middle School will begin a major change in its programs starting with the Fall 2011 school year. The Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program (IB) will begin with incoming sixth graders this fall. The purpose of the IB program is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The IB program will be phased in to include the seventh and eighth grades in the following years. The program, which will be monitored by external IB examiners, will seek accreditation as it becomes fully implemented.

The Jefferson program will have spaces for 100 sixth grade students and will actually begin August 1 with a week-long enrichment program aimed at preparing new students to make a successful transition into the IB program. The summer program is free for all students who are enrolled.

Jefferson will join another DCPS Middle School, Deal Middle School, that also offers the Middle Years IB Program. At the Middle School Fair held January 22 at Eliot-Hine Middle School to promote the increased emphasis by DCPS on the middle years experience, 500 people attended to learn about the offerings for this important period in their children's education. Jefferson Middle School, as well as all DCPS schools, is open to families throughout the city through the out-of-boundary lottery.

Online application began January 28 and ends at 1:59 pm on February 28. The lottery is held on March 2 and results will be posted online March 3. Results will also be mailed March 8. The number of seats filled by the lottery is based on the school's enrollment projections, the capacity of the program (in this case 100) and input from the Principal. Amidon-Bowen, Brent and Thompson Elementary Schools are the feeder schools to Jefferson.

There is no admission test for the Sixth Grade Academy. Students from the feeder schools who apply will be admitted. Every student will be asked to submit an application that is to be filled

out by parents and students together. It includes an essay by the student to why he or she wants to be part of the Jefferson Academy and a Parent Agreement to emphasize the commitment by both to the principles of the program. Information about the schedule, curriculum and after school time commitments are laid out. The application packet for students and parents will be available at Jefferson Middle School at 801 Seventh St., SW (202-729-3270).

There are two phases in the Sixth Grade Academy Program – Core Prep and Advanced Prep. In the Core Prep phase, students focus on achieving skills that will lead to proficiency on the DC Comprehensive Assessment System. To move from the Preparatory phase to Advanced Prep, the student must show performance at or above grade level in math, science, social studies and language arts and must complete projects showing ability to work independently and in groups. Students not performing at their grade level will be given intensive support and resources to help them meet the standards. Assessment will take various forms from ongoing observation of their work to completion of specific projects. The goal will be to understand the strengths and needs of each student and to plan for their success. For more information about the International Baccalaureate program go to www.ibo.org/myp/. The Jefferson Middle School website has

not yet been updated to reflect the new program.

As stated in the application packet, "At heart, Jefferson Academy is designed to empower stu-

dents to become expert learners and complex communicators prepared for global citizenry and 21st century success."

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Sports and Recreation

King Greenleaf Jamboree Draws Crowds and Competition

By Wallace Perry, Manager, Roving Leaders

Xbox Madden NFL Games Draw 96 Competitors to King-Greenleaf Rec Center

Four champions emerged in different age groups in a new Xbox competition at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center on Martin-Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Jan. 17. In the age 10 and under division, Daraelle Sims was champion with Davon Davis runner-up. In the 13 and under division, Anthony Smith was champion, with Sabian Williams runner-up. In the 14-15 age group, Quette Thomas was champion, with Clint Brodus runner-up. In the 16-and-over division Nico Mathews beat Antonio Smith for the championship.

The one-on-one competition drew 96 youth as part of the all-day community-building Jamboree. Four TV screens were set up to allow competition to continue for all age groups.

Women's Volleyball Added to SW Jamboree

The second SW Jamboree at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center added 8 teams of women's volleyball to the schedule. The women's double-elimination tournament dazzled the audience of several hundred family and friends in the bleachers.

In the final match between Team Red and Team Black, Roving Leader Andrea Washington led Team Black to a 12 to 10 vic-

tory, with several diving digs throughout the evening. Team Black players Donna, Cindy and Windy Dudley controlled the front line with kills and blocks. Also contributing with quickness and sets were Veronica Gudger, Beverly Minor and Robin Coleman.

Runner-ups Team Red had battled back with seven straight wins. They were anchored by a frontline of Gail Gamble, Renee Williams and Ernestine Covington. The back setters were Nikki Smith, Lawanda Burns and Arlene Felder.

Over-50 Basketball Game Entertaining; 40-and-Over Game Competitive

The veteran players in the over-50 basketball game paced themselves for an exciting finish of showboating and marksmen shooting that sent the crowd into several frenzies. A three-pointer by Joe Brawner and a rare dunk by Jamie Howard sent the crowd screaming for more. A half-court three-pointer by Curtis Roach and Preston "Kobe" Thomas' steal and lay-up capped the excitement.

In the 40-and-over game Benny Boykin's 20 points, 10 rebounds outscored his high school teammate Big South. Kim Henry scored 26 points, 12 assists and 16 rebounds plus an unheard of 10 steals. Special recognition was given to Mr. Fitzgerald Hunt and Dana Roach.

fixing the roof leak at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center that was caused by last year's snow storm.

The Chair of the ABC Committee, Dr. Coralie Farlee, asked the ANC for support for a new liquor license for the soon-to-open Station 4 restaurant at 1101 Fourth St., SW in Waterfront Station. The Commission voted 5-1 in favor of supporting the license for the 209-seat establishment. A representative from Station 4 cited a mid-to-late April opening date. The next item on the agenda was support for an additional site for the Bullpen near Nationals Park at Half and N streets SE. The outdoor bar already has a liquor license, but plans to open a separate, 22,500-square-foot outdoor beer garden across from the Navy Yard Metro Station's west entrance at Half Street, SE and extending to the border of M Street, SE. The Commission voted 6-0 in support of the expansion, although the added site does not require a new liquor license.

Community concerns included protests to the new Waterfront Station Safeway policy requiring customers to show receipts for their purchases upon exit of the store. In addition, a suggestion to add paved pedestrian pathways across the large expanse of grass behind the Safeway store was made.

The next ANC 6D meeting will take place on Mon., Mar. 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St., SW.

ANC 6D

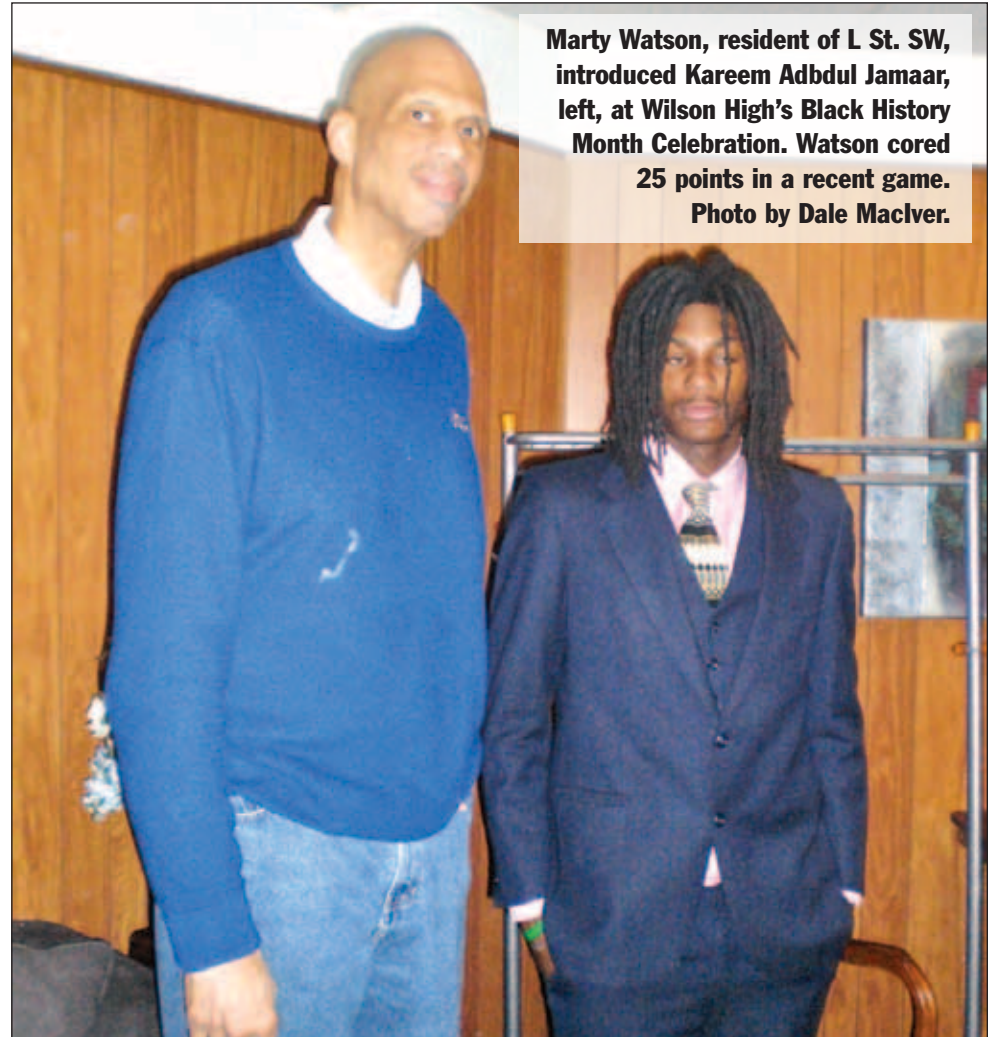
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what is required by the EPA, but encouraged anyone who has concerns to take advantage of free lead testing. To get a testing kit, contact DC Water customer service, and they will deliver a kit to your door and pick it up after you have collected a sample. Please note that testing is not available for large apartment buildings.

The next guest was Kim McCall, Director of Outreach for the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (EMA), who introduced the 2011 emergency preparedness initiatives and invited residents to the next stakeholder input meeting on Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at the DC Homeland Security and EMA headquarters. All residents are encouraged to attend and light refreshments will be served. For questions regarding emergency preparedness or further details regarding the stakeholder meeting, contact Kim at kim.mccall@dc.gov. To get notifications from the DC Homeland Security and EMA visit the new website www.72hour.dc.gov and register for alerts.

The meeting then paused for a somber moment of silence in honor of Barbara A. Nelson, who was killed in a fire on Feb. 11 in her Southwest DC home.

Ward 6 Outreach and Service Specialist, Britney Wright, announced that the city is currently



Marty Watson, resident of L St. SW, introduced Kareem Abdul Jamaar, left, at Wilson High's Black History Month Celebration. Watson cored 25 points in a recent game. Photo by Dale MacIver.

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